Demand	Remarks
7. Restoration of old timings of 343/344 Rajkot Veraval Fast Passenger.	The timings of 343/344 were changed after discussion with the MPs of Saurashtra, and its connection provided with 15/16 Saurashtra Express at Rajkot. Restoration of old timings is, therefore not possible.
8. Additional shuttle service between Wansjaliya and Porbandar.	As even the existing trains are not fully patronised, additional train is not justified.
9. Augmentation of 203/204, 207/208 and 47/48 Passenger trains in Saurashtra.	Broad Gauge Passanger trains like 203/204 Viramgam-Rajkot, 207/208 Vrigam-Okha and 47/48 Okha-Vadodara are having a combined rake link. As the accommodation available is not fully utilised, their augmentation is not justified.
10. Allotment of quota for Rajkot by certain passenger trains.	Since the existing quotas provided to various stations are fully utilised, povision of additional quota at Rajkot can be at the cost of other stations only which will lead to complaints from these stations.
11. Detachment of Dining Car by 15/16 Saurashtra Express at Ahmadabad.	This is being examined.

Replacement of single engine helicopters

2418. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of single engine helicopters are being used in the country for a variety of jobs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that single engine helicopter does not provide adequate level of safety as is provided by a twin engine helicopter; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to eventually replace single engine helicopters by twin engine helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Whereas a single engine helicopter is quite safe, the inherent level of safety of two engine helicopter is surely better.

(c) Till single engine helicopters are quite safe for operation there is no need to replace them with two engine helicopters.

Study group on urban transport system

2419. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a study group to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available technology;

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken to initiate swift measures to solve the fast deteriorating urban transport problem and whether any allocation has been made under the Seventh Plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Study Group are as under:—

(i) to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available transport technology;